IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An exemplary embodiment of an alignment fixture 100 according to the present invention is shown in Figs. 3-5. As will be explained below, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the alignment fixture 100 for aligning straddle-mounted connectors inserted on a circuit board. In this illustrated form, the alignment fixture 100 has a base 101. The base 101 is shown as having a substantially rectangular or square configuration with peripheral sides 105-108. The top surface 115 of the base 101 includes a claw 150, circuit board slot 110, and connector slots 120. The claw 150 has a top side 175 and a bottom side 170. The circuit board slot 110 is shown to have sides 111-114. The top surface 115 also includes finger clamps 140 located between side 105 of base 101 and side 111 of slot 110. Finger clamps 145 located between side 107 of base 101 and side 113 of slot 110 are also shown to be on the top surface 115. Circuit board slot 110 and connector slots 120 are dimensioned to only house a circuit board having properly aligned straddle-mounted connectors. The circuit board slot 110 and the connector slots 120 should be adapted to house a standard size circuit board having at least two standard size straddle-mounted Mictor connectors or other like connectors. Referring now also to Fig. 5, four indentations 130 are placed on the top side 175 of claw 150 ~~100~~. Each of the indentation 130 is adapted to receive a corresponding finger portion 141 on each of the finger clamps 140. Finger clamps 145 are similarly constructed to include a finger portion (not shown) on each of the finger clamps 145. The finger portion on finger clamps 145 is adapted to constrain the circuit board housed in slot 110 by directly touching the circuit board.